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Mr. Gerry Raycraft
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Dear Mr. Raycraft:

RE: Review of Suisun City's Revised Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting Suisun City's draft housing element, received for review on November 15, 2004. As you know, the Department is required to review draft housing elements and report the findings to the locality pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(b). The review was assisted through communications and a meeting with you and Ms. Sharon Wipperfurth, Assistant Planner, since November 2004.

The Department is pleased to find the revised draft address the statutory requirements described in its June 12, 2003 review. The element will be in full compliance with State housing element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code) when adopted and submitted to the Department, pursuant to Government Code Section 65585(g).

The Department appreciates the City's efforts to develop meaningful housing and land-use strategies and address its share of the regional housing need. The Department particularly commends the City's commitment to rezone lands at higher densities to facilitate multifamily development for lower-income households in addition to promoting residential uses in commercial zones.

The Department is thankful of your hard work and cooperation during the course of the review and looks forward to receiving Suisun City's adopted housing element. If you have any additional questions, please contact Paul McDougall, of our staff, at (916) 322-7995.

In accordance with requests pursuant to the Public Records Act, we are forwarding copies of this letter to the persons and organizations listed below.

Sincerely,



Cathy E. Creswell
Deputy Director

cc: Steve Baker, City Manager, City of Suisun City
Sharon Wipper, Assistant Planner, City of Suisun City
Mark Stivers, Senate Committee on Housing & Community Development
Suzanne Ambrose, Supervising Deputy Attorney General, AG's Office
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